

State Representative DebraLee Hovey

Dear Friends,

The 2006 legislative session for the most part was beneficial for Monroe and Newtown.

This year's transportation act authorizes \$2.3 billion in bonding for projects of importance to the 112th district. They include: expanding rail passenger service through Danbury to New Milford to reduce traffic congestion on Route 7 and completing preliminary design and engineering for widening I-84 between Waterbury and Danbury.

Annual state grants for road maintenance and education in Monroe and Newtown also show an increase from last year's totals.

Supplemental special education grants for local school districts that will be disbursed in 2007 also were authorized. The funding includes **\$68,276 for Monroe and \$238,661 for Newtown**. The grants are in addition to the towns' annual Education Cost Sharing and current special education grants.

State funding also was approved for projects in both towns, including:

- A **\$1.5 million loan** to Swiss Army Brands Inc., to help pay construction costs for its new \$26 million North American headquarters in Monroe.
- A **\$275,000 grant** for utility upgrades on the grounds of the former Fairfield Hills Hospital. The project will include water, sewer, storm drain and electrical upgrades on the campus, which the town has purchased from the state.
- A **\$1,000 grant** for Fanfare Concerts Ltd., Inc., of Monroe to support a Baroque musical program for 4th grade students in Newtown public schools.

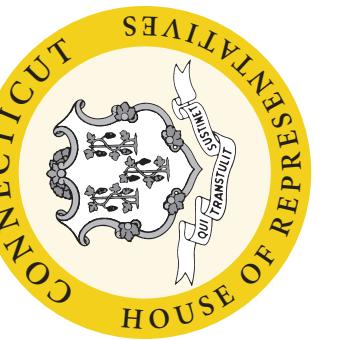
Thank you for the honor and privilege of representing you at our state legislature in Hartford.

Sincerely,



Representative Hovey and Samantha Miko of Monroe, a 2006 Masuk High School graduate, visit with Governor M. Jodi Rell at the Governor's Office at the State Capitol.

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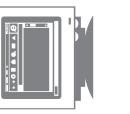


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